

sfw

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Shigeo TANAKA et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2838**

Application Number: **10/715,390**

Examiner: **Adolf D. Berhane**

Filed: **November 19, 2003**

Confirmation Number: **5463**

For: **POWER SUPPLY CONTROL METHOD, CURRENT-TO-VOLTAGE
CONVERSION CIRCUIT AND ELECTRONIC APPARATUS**

Attorney Docket Number: **032116**

Customer Number: **38834**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(1)/(e)(1)

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 7, 2006

Sir:

Applicants direct the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08. A copy of each non - U.S. document is attached.

This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being submitted after issuance of a first official action on the merits and expiration of the three month period following the filing date or the entry of the national stage for the above-captioned application, but prior to issuance of either a final official action or a Notice of Allowance.

The undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information contained in the IDS was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the IDS. A copy of the foreign communication citing the documents is attached.

Application No. 10/715,390
Art Unit 2838

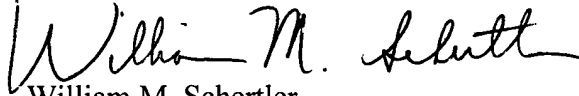
Information Disclosure Statement under 1.97(c)(1)
Attorney Docket No. 032116

Each listed document was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office and the communication was not received by any person defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than 30 days before filing of this paper.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

WESTERMAN, HATTORI, DANIELS & ADRIAN, LLP



William M. Schertler

Attorney for Applicants

Registration No. 35,348

Telephone: (202) 822-1100

Facsimile: (202) 822-1111

WMS/dlt

Enclosures: PTO/SB/08
Foreign Communication
2 Documents

Combined Form PTO/SB/08A&B

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Complete if Known

| | |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| Application Number | 10/715,390 |
| Confirmation Number | 5463 |
| Filing Date | November 19, 2003 |
| First Named Inventor | Shigeo TANAKA et al. |
| Art Unit | 2838 |
| Examiner Name | Adolf D. Berhane |
| Attorney Docket Number | 032116 |

| | | | |
|-------|---|----|---|
| Sheet | 1 | of | 1 |
|-------|---|----|---|

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

| Examiner Initials* | Cite No. ¹ | Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city, and/or country where published. | Translation ⁶ |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--|--------------------------|
| | 3 | Japanese Office Action dated August 8, 2006 | No |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |

Examiner Signature

Date Considered

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov, MPEP 901.04 or in the comment box of this document. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST. 3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to indicate here if English language Translation is attached.